AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

A lottery system utilizing an electronic mail comprises means for specifying participants for a lottery from a database, means for uniquely allocating an electronic mail address to each of said specified participants so that said electronic mail addresses are different from each other; means for sending a first electronic mail to each of said participants, in which the electronic mail address is affixed as a unique access key to each of said participants; means for recognizing an application for the lottery from each of said participants by receiving a second electronic mail sent back to said electronic mail address; and means for notifying each one of said participants who sent back the second electronic mail to the electronic mail address of the result of said lottery.